

24.7 Duties of the Judicial Citizen Review Panels. Each judicial citizen review panel participating in foster care reviews shall submit findings and submit recommendations to the court which, at a minimum, shall address the following issues:

1. The necessity and appropriateness of the current placement;
2. Whether reasonable efforts have been made to obtain permanency for the child;
3. The degree of compliance with the specific goals and action steps set out in the case plan;
4. Whether any progress has been made in improving the conditions that caused the child's removal from the home; and
5. Any specific changes that need to be made in the case plan, including a change in the permanency goal and the projected date when permanency for the child is likely to be achieved.

Judicial citizen review panels, if designated by the court, may assist DFCS, in a consultant-like capacity, in the preparation of the initial thirty (30) day permanency plan. Such assistance shall be provided during a face-to-face meeting between the primary caseworker, the parents and child(ren) when available, and members of the judicial citizen review panel.

Judicial citizen review panels may also perform such other duties and functions as provided by law.